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--- ELECTRICAL POWER GENERATION UTILIZING REFUSE

REF: (A) MADRID 871; (B) STATE 26470; (C) MADRID 638

1. AS REQUESTED BY REF (A), WE ARE AIR POUCHING AN INFORMATION PACKAGE ON THE UNION ELECTRIC COMPANY MERAMEC INSTALLATION. THE DOCUMENTS INCLUDE SEVERAL TECHNICAL PAPERS PREPARED BY UNION ELECTRIC ON ITS EXPERIMENTAL PROTOTYPE SYSTEM WHICH HAS BEEN OPERATING SINCE 1972 AND ITS LONG-RANGE EXPANSION PROGRAM FOR HANDLING SOLID WASTE GENERATED IN METROPOLITAN ST. LOUIS AREA. WE ARE ALSO SENDING A U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) TECHNICAL REPORT ON TESTS PERFORMED USING MIXED-FUEL (MUNICIPAL REFUSE AND COAL) AND THE EFFECTS ON BOILER EMISSIONS. ALSO ENCLOSED IS A TECHNICAL PAPER BY COMBUSTION ENGINEERING, INC. DESCRIBING ITS EQUIPMENT AND PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROJECT.

2. IN ADDITION, WE ARE SENDING A DRAFT COPY OF A SURVEY OF NATIONWIDE RESOURCE RECOVERY ACTIVITIES PREPARED BY THE EPA. THIS DETAILED COMPILATION OF STATE AND LOCAL RESOURCE UNCLASSIFIED

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RECOVERY PROGRAMS SHOULD ALSO BE OF INTEREST TO THE SPANISH

MUNICIPALITY.

3. AS INDICATED IN OUR REF (C) CABLE, THE MERAMEC PLANT

OFUNION ELECTRIC COMPANY IS PRESENTLY THE ONLY OPERATING
POWER PLANT IN THE U.S. THAT UTILIZES PREPARED REFUSE
IN A POWER GENERATION PLANT. WE WILL BE PLEASED TO MAKE
ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SPANISH MUNICIPALITY OFFICIALS TO
MEET WITH THE UTILITY COMPANY, THE ENGINEERING
CONSULTANT, AND THE EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURERS. KISSINGER

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